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To The Honorable House of 179

Representatives — The Committee Appointed by the General Court in May last to Examine into the Proceedings of the Committee of Sequestration (So Called) — Beg Leave to Inform Your Honor that Immediately after we received our Commission we Notified the Committee of Sequestration, of our Appointment & Requested of them a State of their Proceedings, in order for a Settlement, and were informed by said Committee their Books and Accounts were in the hands of their Clerk, But they would Immediately derect him to Compleat them, and when he had finished them they would Immediately Exhibite them, upon which we Adjourned to a future day, and then met, and Instead of Receiving their Books. we were Entertained with nearly the same Account of their Situation — That we had at our first Meeting, We then adjourned again. and without Troubling

Your

Your Honors with a further detail of our frequent & fruitless Adjournments and Endeavours to obtain the Books & Accounts before Mentioned, we are constrained to say in Vindication of our Conduct, We have not been able to obtain them to this day, Neither can we see any greater probability of finishing the Business than there was at the first — we therefore beg to be excused from any further Duty in Consequence of our Appointment which is Humbly Submitted

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